State of North Carolina

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pediatric stoke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2800 live births each year, and 11 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, pediatric stroke can result in life-long health concerns and treatments and can place a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the course, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke; pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies of pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of reoccurrence; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association (CHASA), healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, and individuals in promoting awareness about pediatric stroke;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as **"PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.